

**Amendments to the Claims:**

**Listing of the Claims:**

1. (currently amended) An Extract of *Acanthopanax koreanum* containing a water extract obtained by treating the root or stem of *Acanthopanax koreanum* with water, for treatment of hepatitis, or for protection of liver by inhibiting apoptosis of a liver cell ~~as a liver protective drug~~.
2. (previously presented) The extract of claim 1, wherein the extract contains an ethanol insoluble part obtained by treating the said water extract with ethanol.
3. (previously presented) The extract of claim 2, wherein said ethanol insoluble part contains a fraction containing polysaccharide with a molecular weight larger than range of 12,000~14,000.
4. (previously presented) The extract of claim 2, wherein said ethanol insoluble part contains a fraction containing polysaccharide with a molecular weight larger than 100,000.
5. (previously presented) The extract of claim 2, wherein said extract contains said ethanol insoluble part of which a final concentration of ethanol used is in between 50 and 90%.
6. (previously presented) The extract of claim 2, wherein said

extract contains said ethanol insoluble part of which a final concentration of ethanol used is 80%.

7. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition for hepatitis containing the extract of *Acanthopanax koreanum* of any of claim 1 to claim 4.

8. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition for containing the extract of *Acanthopanax koreanum* of any of claim 1 to claim 4.

9. (previously presented) A TNF- $\alpha$  inhibitor containing the extract of *Acanthopanax koreanum* of any of claim 1 to claim 4.

10. (previously presented) A Health supplementary food containing the extract of *Acanthopanax koreanum* of any of claim 1 to claim 4.